



The Commission met on **Thursday, May 19, 2022**, with Acting Chair Schuerger and Commissioners Means, Sieben, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-999/M-21-111

In the Matter of the 2021 Minnesota Biennial Transmission Projects Report

Acting Chair Schuerger moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Accept the 2021 Biennial Transmission Projects Report.
2. Authorize the MTO to publicize future Biennial Transmission Projects Reports by posting a link to the report on the MTO website (www.minnelectrans.com) and posting directions for finding the Commission's website via e-Dockets, in lieu of mailing compact discs or jump drives with electronic copies.
3. Encourage the Department to collect information on mitigation costs in future proceedings requesting rate recovery of the costs of new energy facilities.
4. Extend the variance to the public participation requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 7848.0900 and also not require the utilities to convene a webinar on the 2021 report.
5. Require MTO to file a 2023 Report that meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 216B.2425, subd. 2, and includes the information that was required to be filed in the 2021 Report.
6. Require MTO to file, within 90 days, additional information as set forth in ordering paragraph 5(d) of the Commission's August 19, 2020, order, in Docket E-999/M-19-205, which required a filing within 90 days that included "an assessment of whether MISO has been responsive to Minnesota's identified and likely transmission needs."
7. Require MTO to file, within 90 days, a compliance filing that includes its schedule for implementing Ambient Adjusted Rating (AAR) and an analysis of viability of Dynamic Line Rating (DLR), transmission system optimization and reconfigurations and replacement of line rating limiter, including substation equipment. Require MTO to discuss other available solutions considered, but not deployed.

8. Require MTO to file, within 90 days, a compliance filing that includes information on: 1) expected sustained HVTL or generation planned outages; 2) whether those outages are anticipated to have new or incremental congestion; and 3) whether those outages are anticipated to contribute to sustained incremental congestion. The MTOs shall also include this information in future Biennial Transmission Projects Reports.
9. Authorize Commission staff to issue a notice of comment requesting comments from stakeholders on how to best update or repeal the biennial report's filing requirements.

The motion passed 5—0.

U-999/CI-21-847

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into Potential Rule Amendments Related to Liquefied Carbon Dioxide

Commissioner Sieben moved that the Commission determine that the Commission has authority to permit CO2 pipelines.

The motion passed 5—0.

Commissioner Sieben moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Initiate a rulemaking under Chapter 14 and include in the Request for Comments the potential amendment of the definition of “gas” in Minn. R. 7852.0100, subp. 16, to include carbon dioxide; and the potential amendment of the definition of “hazardous liquid” in Minn. R. 7852.0100, subp. 18.
2. Authorize staff to request comments on potential deletion of the definition of liquified gas in Minn. R. 7852.0100, subp. 19.

The motion passed 5—0.

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission authorize staff to request comments on possible de minimis exemptions for CO2 pipelines.

The motion passed 5—0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 7, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Seuffert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary